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LOK SABHA

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RISE IN COGNIZABLE CRIME
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether incidents of cognizable crimes are on the rise in the country and criminals responsible for such crimes remain identified;

(b) if so, the details and reasons therefor;

(c) the total number of such cases reported during each of the last three years and the current year in which criminals could not be identified, State-wise;

(d) whether the Government has formulated any new investigation policy or set up forensic expert groups to deal with such type of crimes; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS(DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD)

(a) to (c) As per information compiled by the National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB) on annual basis, a total of 1822602, 1878293 and 1989673 cases of cognizable IPC crimes were reported in the country during 2005-2007 respectively. A total of 3203735, 3224167 and 3743734 cognizable cases were reported in the country under various Special and Local Laws (SLLs) during 2005-2007 respectively. The State-wise year-wise details are at Annexure-I & II. The information in respect of cases in which the criminals remain unidentified is not maintained.

(d) & (f) 'Police' and 'Public Order' are State subjects under the Seventh Schedule to the Constitution of India and therefore, the State Governments are primarily responsible for prevention,detection,registration and investigation of crime and for prosecuting the criminals through the machinery of their law enforcement agencies.The Union Government, however, attaches highest importance to the matter of prevention of crime and therefore, has been urging the State Governments/UT Administrations from time to time give more focused attention to improving the administration of criminal justice system and take such measures as are necessary for prevention and control of crime.There are sufficient number of forensic experts available in different forensic science laboratories under the Union Government/State Governments to deal with all types of cognizable crimes and to offer forensic analytical solutions to identify the perpetrators of such crimes.